

Lancaster County Commissioners & Lincoln City Council,

So, "State in financial crunch!" (Lincoln Journal Star, *Frontpage Headline*, Saturday, July 14, 2001.) Lincoln- also- must be in a bit of a crunch, too, if they have to discontinue school buses for children - Many children whose parents both work - so - the children would have to walk to school - many not even having sidewalks to walk on - and trying to close one of the swimming pools.

What kind of a crunch do you think the East Beltway (EM-1) is going to cause to the tax-payers and the farmers who make their living farming?

Too bad we don't have good common sense city and county commissioners who are unable to see how unnecessary this is when they could use existing roads - passing lanes or even 4 lane roads. If it won't be finished or started in 10 years - how do they know how far out the Beltway should go?

I'm Norma Lemke, and my husband, Bob, has lived his entire life in this area - 13000 Old Cheney Road. Our farm has been in the family nearly 150 years, always farmed by a Lemke.

Our son, Mark, lives on 13000 Pine Lake Road with his wife, Bonnie, and their 3 children on his great-grandfathers farm. Both Mark's and our farms are threatened by the By-pass going through the near middle of our farms. This is a 1/2 mile loss for both of us and also all the farms and acreage's affected by the beltway.

Land surrounded to the proposed beltway from us recently sold for just under \$10,000 an acre. Are you willing to pay that amount for ruining our farm? Perhaps the land left on the west side of the Beltway, (which we would have to travel several miles to get to the west side to farm) could be a dense housing development - or are you going to dictate what we can and cannot do?!

Thank-you,

Bob & Norma Lemke

**Exhibit 25**  
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